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REGIONAL COOPERATION

Report of the Economic Committee

1. The Economic Committee considered the question of regional cooperation (agenda item 14) at its 1st to 3rd, 8th, 11th and 13th to 15th meetings, on 12, 13, 15, 20, 22, 23 and 26 July 1993. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Summary of the economic survey of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1992 (E/1993/46);

(b) Summary of the survey of economic and social developments in the region of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, 1992 (E/1993/48);

(c) Summary of the economic and social survey of Asia and the Pacific, 1992 (E/1993/52);

(d) Summary of the survey of economic and social conditions in Africa, 1992-1993 (E/1993/53);

(e) Summary of the Economic Survey of Europe in 1992-1993 (E/1993/54);

(f) Note by the Secretary-General on the Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar (E/1993/80);

(g) Report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation (E/1993/85).

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2. At the 1st and 2nd meetings, on 12 July, the Committee held a general discussion on the item.

3. At the 1st meeting, on 12 July, the Committee heard introductory statements by the Executive Secretaries of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, the Economic Commission for Europe, the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and the Economic Commission for Africa, who also introduced the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation.

4. At the same meeting, the representative of the Russian Federation made a statement.

5. At the 2nd meeting, on 12 July, statements were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Economic Community), Romania, China, Japan, Bangladesh, Poland, Austria, Ukraine, Chile, Morocco, Belarus, the Republic of Korea, Benin, the Syrian Arab Republic, Nigeria, the United States of America and Mexico and the observers for Uruguay, Slovakia, the Czech Republic, Iraq and Cameroon.

6. At the same meeting, the representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations made a statement.

Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar

7. At the 8th meeting, on 15 July, the representative of Spain, on behalf of Morocco and Spain, introduced a draft resolution (E/1993/C.1/L.1) entitled "Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar". Subsequently, France and Italy joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

8. At the 13th meeting, on 22 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution E/1993/C.1/L.1 (see para. 42 below, draft resolution I).

Strengthening the role of the regional commissions

9. At the 8th meeting, on 15 July, the representative of Nigeria, on behalf of Benin, Chile, Ethiopia, Guinea, Mexico, Nigeria and Togo, introduced a draft resolution (E/1993/C.1/L.2) entitled "Strengthening the role of the regional commissions". Subsequently, Algeria, 1/ Brazil, Senegal 1/ and Suriname joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

10. At the 15th meeting, on 26 July, the Secretary of the Committee read out the following amendments to the draft resolution, which had been agreed upon during informal consultations:

(a) In the second preambular paragraph, the words "Noting with satisfaction" were replaced by the words "Noting with interest";

1/ In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

(b) In operative paragraph 1, the words "as a continuing process to achieve a more effective distribution of responsibilities and tasks between global and regional entities" were replaced by the words "in order to achieve a more effective distribution of responsibilities and tasks between global, regional and national entities";

(c) In operative paragraph 2, the word "Endorses" was replaced by the words "Takes note of";

(d) Operative paragraph 3, which read:

> "Recommends to the General Assembly that, in resuming its consideration of the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields, it adopt the recommendations made by the regional commissions for the strengthening of their effectiveness in order that they may play a greater role, including coordination among United Nations organizations and entities at the regional level under the authority of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council",

was replaced by the following text:

> "Recommends to the General Assembly that, in connection with the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields, it consider the recommendations made by the regional commissions".

11. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution E/1993/C.1/L.2, as orally amended (see para. 42 below, draft resolution II).

Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa (IDDA II), 1993-2002 and fifth session of the General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization

12. At the 11th meeting, on 20 July, the observer for Cameroon 1/ introduced a draft resolution (E/1993/C.1/L.3) entitled "Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa, 1991-2000". Subsequently, Algeria, 1/ Benin, Botswana, Cuba, Ethiopia, Guinea, Kenya, 1/ Morocco, Nigeria, Senegal, 1/ Swaziland, United Republic of Tanzania 1/ and Yemen 1/ joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

13. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Economic Community) and Morocco and the observer for Algeria.

14. At the 13th meeting, on 22 July, the Secretary of the Committee read out the following amendments to the draft resolution which had been agreed upon during informal consultations:

(a) The title of the draft resolution which read "Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa, 1991-2000", was amended to read "Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa (IDDA II), 1993-2002 and fifth session of the General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization";

(b) The words "taking into account the needs and interests of other groups" were added at the end of the of the second preambular paragraph;

(c) Operative paragraph 4, which read:

"Invites States Members and the organizations of the United Nations system to give full support to the measures taken by the Cameroonian Government to ensure the success of the Conference"

was replaced by the following:

"Welcomes the measures adopted and still to be taken by the Government of Cameroon with a view to ensuring the success of the Conference, and invites States Members and the organizations of the United Nations system to contribute to its full success".

15. Following statements by the representatives of Nigeria, Brazil, Cuba, Benin, Belgium (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Economic Community), Colombia, the Russian Federation, Austria, Morocco and Guinea and the observers for Cameroon and Algeria, the second preambular paragraph was further amended by replacing the words "to respond more fully to the needs of Members States, in particular the developing countries, taking into account the needs and interests of other groups" by the words "to respond more fully to the needs and interests of all Member States, in particular the developing countries".

16. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution E/1993/C.1/L.3, as orally amended (see para. 42 below, draft resolution III).

Recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation

17. Chapter I, section A, of the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation (E/1993/85) contained 10 recommendations for action by the Council.

Non-participation of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) in the work of the Economic Commission for Europe

18. At the 14th meeting, on 23 July, the Committee decided to approve the recommendation, contained in decision A (48) of the Economic Commission for Europe (see E/1993/85, para. 1), that the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) shall not participate in the work of the Economic Commission for Europe as long as the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) shall not participate in the work of the General Assembly (see para. 43 below, draft decision I).

Amendments to the terms of reference of the Economic Commission for Europe

19. At the 14th meeting, on 23 July, the Committee adopted the draft decision entitled "Amendments to the terms of reference of the Economic Commission for Europe" (see E/1993/85, para. 1), recommended by the Economic Commission for Europe and contained in its decision N (48) (see para. 43 below, draft decision II).

Venue of the fiftieth session of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

20. At the 14th meeting, on 23 July, the Committee decided to approve the recommendation (see E/1993/85, para. 2) that the fiftieth session of the Economic and Social Council for Asia and the Pacific be held in New Delhi, India during the period February to April 1994 (see para. 43 below, draft decision III).

Resource mobilization for the implementation of the regional action programme for phase II (1992-1996) of the Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific

21. At the 14th meeting, on 23 July, the Committee considered the draft resolution entitled "Resource mobilization for the implementation of the regional action programme for phase II (1992-1996) of the Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific" (see E/1993/85, para. 3), recommended by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific. The draft resolutions contained a resolution recommended for adoption by the General Assembly.

22. At the same meeting, the Secretary of the Committee read out the following amendments to the draft resolution recommended for adoption by the General Assembly, which had been agreed upon during informal consultations:

(a) In the fifth preambular paragraph, the word "Concerned" was replaced by the word "Noting", and the words "particularly from the United Nations Development Programme," were deleted after the words "without adequate funds";

(b) In operative paragraph 1, the words "Requests the United Nations Development Programme, in the light of General Assembly decision 46/453, to reconsider its decision regarding" were replaced by the words "Requests the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to keep under review".

23. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally amended (see para. 42 below, draft resolution IV).

Population and sustainable development: goals and strategies into the twenty-first century

24. At the 14th meeting, on 23 July, the Committee decided to bring to the attention of the General Assembly, at its forty-eighth session,

resolution 49/4 entitled "Population and sustainable development: goals and strategies into the twenty-first century" (see E/1993/85, para. 4), as adopted by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (see para. 43 below, draft decision IV).

Preparations for the World Summit for Social Development

25. At the 14th meeting, on 23 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution I, entitled "Preparations for the World Summit for Social Development" (see E/1993/85, para. 5), recommended by the Economic Commission for Africa (see para. 42 below, draft resolution V).

Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa

26. At the 14th meeting, on 23 July, the Committee considered draft resolution II, entitled "Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa" (see E/1993/85, para. 5), recommended by the Economic Commission for Africa.

27. The Committee had before it a statement of programme budget implications of the draft resolution, submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 31 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council (see E/1993/85/Add.1).

28. At the same meeting, the Secretary read out the following amendments to the draft resolution, which had been agreed upon during informal consultations:

(a) In operative paragraph 2, the words "to allocate" were replaced by the words "to consider allocating";

(b) In operative paragraph 3, the words "to provide" were replaced by the words "to consider providing";

(c) In operative paragraph 8, the word "to provide increased resources" were replaced by the words "to provide adequate resources".

29. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally amended (see para. 42 below, draft resolution VI).

Second United Nations Transport and Communications Decade in Africa

30. At the 14th meeting, on 23 July, the Committee considered draft resolution III entitled "Second United Nations Transport and Communications Decade in Africa" (see E/1993/85, para. 5), recommended by the Economic Commission for Africa.

31. The Committee had before it a statement of programme budget implications of the draft resolution, submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 31 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council (see E/1993/85/Add.1).

32. At the same meeting, the Secretary of the Committee read out the following amendments to the draft resolution, which had been agreed upon during informal consultations:

(a) In operative paragraph 1, the word "Administrator" was replaced by the words "Governing Council";

(b) In operative paragraph 6, the words "the necessary regular budget resources" were replaced by the words "adequate resources, allocated within the regular budget".

33. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally amended (see para. 42 below, draft resolution VII).

Strengthening development information systems for regional cooperation and integration in Africa

34. At the 14th meeting, on 23 July, the Committee considered draft resolution IV entitled "Strengthening development information systems for regional cooperation and integration in Africa" (see E/1993/85, para. 5) recommended by the Economic Commission for Africa.

35. The Committee had before it a statement of programme budget implications of the draft resolution, submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 31 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council (see E/1993/85/Add.1).

36. At the same meeting, the Secretary of the Committee read out the following amendments to the draft resolution, which had been agreed upon during informal consultations:

(a) In the first preambular paragraph, the words "ever widening" were replaced by the word "wide";

(b) In operative paragraph 5, the words "through voluntary contributions" were inserted after the words "additional resources";

(c) In operative paragraph 6, the words "through the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, to ensure the provision of four professional and two local-level posts as well as" were replaced by the words "ensure the provision of adequate staffing and".

37. At the same meeting, following statements by the representatives of France, Nigeria, the United States of America, Benin, Colombia, the Russian Federation, Spain and China and the observers for Uruguay and Algeria, the Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally amended (see para. 42 below, draft resolution VIII).

African Institute for Economic Development and Planning

38. At the 14th meeting, on 23 July, the Committee considered draft resolution V entitled "African Institute for Economic Development and Planning" (see E/1993/85, para. 5), recommended by the Economic Commission for Africa.

39. The Committee had before it a statement of programme budget implications of the draft resolution, submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 31 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council (see E/1993/85/Add.1).

40. At the same meeting, the Secretary of the Committee read out the following amendments to the draft resolution, which had been agreed upon during informal consultations:

(a) Operative paragraph 1, which read:

"Urgently appeals to the General Assembly to convert the grant to the Institute into established professional posts in the regular budget as provided in the proposed programme budget for the 1994-1995 biennium of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa";

was replaced by the following text:

"Calls upon the General Assembly, in considering the programme budget for the Economic Commission for Africa for the biennium 1994-1995, to take adequate steps to ensure sufficient staffing for the Commission at the Professional level to implement its mandates".

(b) In operative paragraph 2, the words "the General Assembly to provide other types of resources" were replaced by the words "all States to provide extrabudgetary resources";

(c) Operative paragraph 3, which read:

"Calls upon member States to support, at the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly and in other relevant fora, the requests for a minimum of four established professional posts for the Institute as part of the Commission's programme budget for the 1994-1995 biennium";

was deleted;

(d) In operative paragraph 4 (para. 3 of the final text), the words "member States" were replaced by the words "all States".

41. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally amended (see para. 42 below, draft resolution IX).

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

42. The Economic Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 1982/57 of 30 July 1982, 1983/62 of 29 July 1983, 1984/75 of 27 July 1984, 1985/70 of 26 July 1985, 1987/69 of 8 July 1987, 1989/119 of 28 July 1989, 1991/74 of 26 July 1991 and 1992/45 of 31 July 1992,

Referring to General Assembly resolution 43/179 of 20 December 1988, by which the Assembly declared the period 1991-2000 the Second Transport and Communications Decade in Africa,

Also referring to resolution 912 (1989), adopted on 1 February 1989 by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe 2/ regarding measures to encourage the construction of a major traffic artery in south-western Europe and to study thoroughly the possibility of a permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar,

Conscious that the project for the permanent link will help offer better prospects for the improvement of the transport networks connected to it and for the development of broader cooperation between Europe and Africa,

Also conscious of the economic impact and regional and interregional integration effects of the project,

Taking account, first, of the considerable work done on the project in terms of the surveying of the Strait of Gibraltar site and the engineering and socio-economic studies carried out and, secondly, of the ongoing programme of work, which, by the end of the year should lead to the choice of the most advantageous solution,

Taking note of the recommendations and conclusions of the evaluation report on the studies relating to the project for the period 1982-1993, 3/ prepared by the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic Commission for Europe, in accordance with Council resolution 1991/74,

1. Welcomes the cooperation on the project between the Governments of Morocco and Spain, the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic Commission for Europe;

2/ See Council of Europe, Parliamentary Assembly, Fortieth Ordinary Session (third part), 30 January-3 February 1989, Texts adopted by the Assembly, Strasbourg, 1989.

3/ E/1993/80.

2. Also welcomes the favourable response of the International Tunnel Association and the Centre for Studies on Transport in the Western Mediterranean to the appeal made by the Economic and Social Council in resolution 1991/74;

3. Commends the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic Commission for Europe on the work done in preparing the project evaluation report requested by the Council in resolution 1991/74;

4. Invites the scientific and technical institutions concerned to take part in the special session on the permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar, which will be held at Cairo in April 1994, under the auspices of the Economic Commission for Africa, the Economic Commission for Europe and the International Tunnel Association;

5. Invites the States concerned and the competent bodies to cooperate with the Governments of Morocco and Spain in carrying out studies for the implementation of the project and to take part in the International Colloquium on the Permanent Link, which will be held at Seville, Spain, in 1994;

6. Requests the Executive Secretaries of the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic Commission for Europe to take an active part in the follow-up to the project and to report thereon to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1995;

7. Calls upon the Secretary-General to give his full support to the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic Commission for Europe to enable them to carry out the above-mentioned activities and, within existing priorities, to provide them with the necessary resources.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Strengthening the role of the regional commissions

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1992/43 of 31 July 1992, as well as General Assembly resolutions 32/197 of 20 December 1977, 45/264 of 13 May 1991, 46/145 of 17 December 1991 and 46/235 of 13 April 1992,

Noting with interest the recommendations made by the regional commissions, in response to General Assembly resolution 46/235, to strengthen their effectiveness, as contained in the report of the Secretary-General on restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields, 4/

Welcoming the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation, 5/ including the account of steps being taken to decentralize

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4/ A/47/534.

5/ E/1993/85.

functions and responsibilities to the regional commissions in order to strengthen the regional presence of the Organization and to enhance its effectiveness,

1. Reaffirms its support for decentralization in order to achieve a more effective distribution of responsibilities and tasks between global, regional and national entities in the economic, social and related fields;

2. Takes note of the measures taken by the Secretary-General to strengthen the work of the Organization at the regional level, and urges him to continue his efforts in that direction, as appropriate;

3. Recommends to the General Assembly that, in connection with the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields, it consider the recommendations made by the regional commissions.

DRAFT RESOLUTION III

Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa (IDDA II) 1993-2002 and fifth session of the General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling Industrial Development Board decision IDB.9/Dec.16 of 22 May 1992, in which the Board accepted the offer of the Government of Cameroon to act as host for the fifth session of the General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization at Yaoundé from 6 to 10 December 1993,

Considering the importance of the Conference, one of whose objectives will be to reassess the role and mission of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, with a view to increasing its effectiveness and enabling it to respond more fully to the needs and interests of all Member States, in particular developing countries,

Bearing in mind the joint African position on the revitalization of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization adopted by the Conference of African Ministers of Industry at its 11th meeting, held at Mauritius from 31 May to 4 June 1993,

Aware of the need to give high priority to the implementation of the programme for the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa,

1. Invites Member States and intergovernmental organizations to participate in the fifth session of the General Conference of the Industrial Development Organization;

2. Calls for a constructive dialogue between industrialized and developing countries, with a view to taking satisfactorily into account the legitimate interests and aspirations of Africa in the field of industrialization;

3. Notes with satisfaction the offer of the Government of the Republic of Cameroon to act as host for the fifth session of the General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization;

4. Welcomes the measures adopted and still to be taken by the Government of Cameroon, with a view to ensuring the success of the Conference, and invites States Members and the organizations of the United Nations system to contribute to its full success.

DRAFT RESOLUTION IV

Resource mobilization for the implementation of the regional action programme for phase II (1992-1996) of the Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific

The Economic and Social Council,

Recommends that the General Assembly adopt the following resolution:

"The General Assembly,

"Noting resolution 49/1 of 29 April 1993 of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific on resource mobilization for the implementation of the regional action programme for phase II (1992-1996) of the Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific,

"Recalling General Assembly resolution 39/227 of 18 December 1984, by which the Assembly proclaimed a Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific during the period 1985-1994, and Economic and Social Council resolution 1984/78 of 27 July 1984 on the Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific, 1985-1994,

"Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/75 of 26 July 1991, in which the Council urged all appropriate organizations, particularly the United Nations Development Programme, to contribute effectively to the formulation and implementation of a regional action programme for the second half of the Decade, and General Assembly decision 46/453 of 20 December 1991, in which the Assembly endorsed Council resolution 1991/75,

"Reaffirming the importance of phase II (1992-1996) of the Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific,

"Noting that it may not be possible to implement the regional action programme effectively and efficiently without adequate funds, and noting the decision of the United Nations Development Programme Governing Council in this regard,

"1. Requests the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to keep under review the level of funding to be provided for the implementation of the regional action programme so as to create greater impact from phase II (1992-1996) of the Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific;

"2. Requests bilateral donors to take note of General Assembly decision 46/453, so as to ensure that the programme approved by the Meeting of Ministers Responsible for Transport and Communications will be implemented effectively;

"3. Invites all Governments in a position to do so to contribute to the implementation of the programme approved by the Meeting of Ministers Responsible for Transport and Communications;

"4. Requests the Secretary-General to report on the action taken to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session."

DRAFT RESOLUTION V

Preparations for the World Summit for Social Development

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 47/92 of 16 December 1992 on the convening of a World Summit for Social Development in 1995,

Convinced that the World Summit for Social Development would provide a unique opportunity to focus the attention of all countries on the main social and human concerns and to promote policies and strengthen international cooperation in order to effectively address these concerns,

Convinced further that Africa has a special stake in the Summit and its outcome,

Cognizant of the continuing severe deterioration of social and human conditions in Africa and the need to reverse this unacceptable situation as a matter of urgency,

Determined to ensure the effective participation of Africa in the preparatory process for the Summit and at the Summit itself,

1. Urges States members of the Economic Commission for Africa to actively participate in the preparatory activities of the Summit, particularly the meetings of the Preparatory Committee set up by the General Assembly;

2. Underscores the need for members of the Commission to adopt an African common position on the issues to be discussed by the Summit;

3. Decides that an African common position on the issues before the World Summit for Social Development should be formulated by the January 1994 meeting of the Conference of African Ministers Responsible for Human Development, which should serve as the regional preparatory meeting for the Summit;

4. Requests the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to prepare, in cooperation with the Organization of African Unity and

other African regional and subregional organizations, the necessary documentation for the meeting, including a draft African common position on the issues before the Summit;

5. Requests further the Executive Secretary of the Commission to transmit the African common position to the first session of the Preparatory Committee for the Summit, which is scheduled to be held in New York from 31 January to 11 February 1994.

DRAFT RESOLUTION VI

Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 44/237 of 22 December 1989 proclaiming the period 1991-2000 the second Industrial Development Decade for Africa.

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 47/177 of 22 December 1992 that adopted the programme for the Second Industrial Development Decade and decided to adjust the period for the Decade to cover the years 1993-2002,

Bearing in mind the Economic Commission for Africa Conference of Ministers resolution 739 (XXVII) and its decision Dec. 1 (XXVII) of April 1992 on industrial development in Africa,

Aware of the need to harmonize the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa and the Second United Nations Transport and Communications Decade in Africa,

Considering the relevant provisions of Agenda 21, adopted by the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, held in Rio de Janeiro from 3 to 14 June 1992,

1. Mandates the 11th meeting of the Conference of African Ministers of Industry, to be held in Mauritius from 31 May to 4 June 1993, to examine the plan of action to harmonize the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa and the Second United Nations Transport and Communications Decade in Africa and make any recommendations thereon;

2. Reiterates its appeal to the United Nations Development Programme to consider allocating under the regional component of its fifth programming cycle for Africa (1992-1996) adequate resources for supporting the activities of the programme for the Second Industrial Development Decade;

3. Appeals to financial institutions, particularly the World Bank, the African Development Bank and other financial institutions, to consider providing full support to the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa and contribute effectively to the financing of identified projects in the implementation of the programme at the national, subregional and regional levels;

4. Specifically urges African countries to give priority to the mobilization of their own financial resources through increased domestic savings and better management of national resources for the financing and implementation of the programme of the Decade;

5. Invites African countries and African development institutions to take the necessary measures to create an enabling environment conducive to domestic, foreign, private and public industrial investment;

6. Urges African countries to promote the private sector and involve them fully in decision-making and implementation of the programme of the Second Industrial Development Decade;

7. Invites African countries to provide adequate support to African entrepreneurs in order to promote the development of small- and medium-scale industries;

8. Requests the General Assembly to provide adequate resources to the Economic Commission for Africa for the Decade, especially to strengthen industrial cooperation in the implementation of the Decade;

9. Further requests the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa and the Director-General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to further harmonize their activities to support member States in their efforts and ensure the effective implementation of the Decade.

DRAFT RESOLUTION VII

Second United Nations Transport and Communications Decade in Africa

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling Economic Commission for Africa Conference of Ministers resolution 710 (XXVI) of 12 May 1991 in which the programme of the Second United Nations Transport and Communications Decade was adopted,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/83 of 26 July 1991 by which the implementation of the Second Transport and Communications Decade programme was launched,

Referring to General Assembly decision 46/456 of 20 December 1991 approving the launching of the Decade programme and providing resources for its implementation,

Further referring to resolutions ECA/UNTACDA/Res.91/84 and ECA/UNTACDA/Res.93/89 of 8 February 1991 and 12 March 1993 respectively of the Conference of African Ministers of Transport, Communications and Planning approving and launching the implementation of the programme of the Second Decade,

Having considered the report of the ninth meeting of the Conference of African Ministers of Transport, Communications and Planning, held in Addis Ababa on 12 and 13 March 1993,

Bearing in mind that the first mid-term evaluation and review of the programme of the Decade is scheduled to take place in 1994,

Noting that new projects would be prepared for inclusion in the programme in 1995,

Recognizing the importance of resource mobilization and other promotional activities for the successful implementation of the Decade programme and projects at national, subregional and regional levels,

Noting with appreciation the immense support which the United Nations Development Programme has provided for the preparation and launching of the Second Decade programme.

1. Requests the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to favourably consider and continue to finance activities in support of the implementation of the Decade programme during the fifth programming cycle of the United Nations Development Programme;

2. Appeals to individual African and international financial institutions to increase their support for and facilitate the financing of projects and activities of the Second Decade programme;

3. Further appeals to African member States to ensure and actively pursue the implementation of the Second Decade projects;

4. Calls upon the member institutions of the Resource Mobilization Committee, especially the African Development Bank as Chairman of the Committee, to carry out resource mobilization and promotional activities to enhance the successful implementation of the programme;

5. Requests the Economic Commission for Africa in its capacity as lead agency, together with all the relevant mechanisms of the Second United Nations Transport and Communications Decade, to:

(a) Carry out the first mid-term evaluation of the programme of the Second United Nations Transport and Communications Decade in Africa in 1994, as stipulated in the implementation strategy;

(b) Revise the objectives and strategy of the Decade programme in the light of changed circumstances, if need be, in consultation with member States;

(c) Assist member States and African intergovernmental organizations to prepare and screen new projects for inclusion in the programme in 1995 as stipulated in the programme implementation plan, in consultation with member States; 6/

(d) Organize two regional workshops on the Second Decade to disseminate the strategy and promote the objectives of the Second Decade in Africa;

6. Requests the General Assembly to provide the Economic Commission for Africa with adequate resources, allocated within the regular budget, to enable it to effectively and efficiently carry out the activities listed in paragraphs 5 (a) to (d) above in its capacity as lead agency of the Second Decade;

7. Further requests the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to report to its next meeting on the progress made in implementation of this resolution.

DRAFT RESOLUTION VIII

Strengthening development information systems for regional cooperation and integration in Africa

The Economic and Social Council,

Concerned by the wide North-South gap in the flow of vital information as well as in acquisition and utilization of information technology,

Conscious of the importance of information in fostering African regional cooperation and integration, in particular through strengthening of existing regional groupings and the establishment of the African Economic Community,

Bearing in mind the need to establish data networks and databases as specified in the Treaty establishing the African Economic Community, as well as the emphasis on information technology delineated in the Lomé IV Convention,

Recalling also Economic Commission for Africa Conference of Ministers resolutions 716 (XXVI) of 12 May 1991, 726 (XXVII) of 22 April 1992 and 732 (XXVII) of 22 April 1992,

Appreciative of the continuing support given by the International Development Research Centre to the Pan-African Development Information System's activities to strengthen the information capabilities of member States,

Appreciative also of the support given by 11 member States for their submission of the project "Information Technology for Africa" for further consideration by the European Commission in the framework of the Lomé IV Convention,

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6/ DOC/UNTACDA/MIN/04/Rev.3 of March 1991.

Noting with satisfaction the performance of the Economic Commission for Africa's Development Information System in the delivery of technical assistance to member States,

Noting with further satisfaction the proposals of the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to incorporate the activities of the System into the programme budget of the Commission,

Bearing in mind the need to strengthen the Commission's subregional development information centres as information support for subregional economic cooperation and integration,

Noting with concern the decreasing availability of extrabudgetary resources for implementation and utilization of development information systems and technology,

Further noting with concern the precarious financial situation of the Pan-African Development Information System and the need to end its reliance on extrabudgetary sources of funding,

Welcoming the intention of the Secretary-General of the United Nations to provide adequate resources for mandated programmes in Africa, with special attention to those in science and technology for development, in the preparation of his programme budget proposals for the biennium 1994-1995,

1. Requests the Pan-African Development Information System to build elements of cost recovery into its delivery of information services and products;

2. Urges member States, in order to receive further needed technical assistance in information systems development:

(a) To give priority to information systems development in the use of their United Nations Development Programme Country Indicative Planning Figures;

(b) To consider development information activities in their 1993 pledges to the United Nations Trust Fund for African Development;

(c) To use, where appropriate, the financial provision under the Lomé IV Convention for this purpose;

3. Urgently appeals to the donor community to support the Commission's activities to strengthen development information capabilities in the African region;

4. Requests the Commission to continue its leadership role in the coordination of development information and technology to respond to Africa's pressing development problems;

5. Also requests the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to seek additional resources through voluntary contributions for

the Commission's subregional development information centres in the framework of the subprogramme on statistical and information systems development;

6. Requests the General Assembly to ensure the provision of adequate staffing and resources to permit the delivery of activities to the Commission's subprogramme on information systems development beginning with its 1994-1995 programme budget.

DRAFT RESOLUTION IX

African Institute for Economic Development and Planning

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling Economic Commission for Africa Conference of Ministers resolutions 285 (XII) of 28 February 1975, 433 (XVII) of 30 April 1982, 577 (XX) of April 1985, 574 (XXI) of 19 April 1986, 612 (XXII) of 24 April 1987 and 622 (XXIII) of 15 April 1988 on the financing and future development of the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning,

Recalling also Economic Commission for Africa Conference of Ministers resolution 669 (XXIV) of 7 April 1989 and 680 (XXV) of 19 May 1990 which appealed to the General Assembly, as a matter of urgency, to approve the incorporation of four core posts of the Institute in the regular budget,

Bearing in mind Economic Commission for Africa Conference of Ministers resolution 726 (XXVII) of April 1992 on strengthening the Economic Commission for Africa to face Africa's development challenges in the 1990s, which expressed gratitude to the General Assembly for providing the Institute with a grant to cover the costs of four professional posts for the 1992-1993 biennium, thus enabling it to contribute to the process of strengthening the operational capacity of the Commission in meeting the challenges facing Africa in the 1990s,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolutions 1985/62 and 1990/72 of 27 July 1990 which, among other things, recommended the incorporation of four core professional posts into the United Nations regular budget as a contribution to the long-term financing of the Institute and to enable it to carry out its approved work programmes and functions on a continued and sustained basis,

Noting that the Joint Inspection Unit, after a thorough examination of the Institute's situation, in its 1990 report (JI4/REP/90/4) had recommended that eight permanent posts should be created in the regular budget to erase annual uncertainty about the Institute's budget and offset dependency on United Nations Development Programme funding,

Bearing in mind that United Nations Development Programme policy requires that funding of core posts in institutions such as the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning should be discouraged and that the Programme is currently supporting a preparatory phase project designed to improve operational capacities for research, short-term training and networking, advisory/consultancy services and management audit,

Commending the increasing efforts of member States to regularly meet their obligations to the Institute by paying their annual assessed contributions,

Noting with appreciation that the resources put at the disposal of the Institute, in the form of the grant for the four professional posts for the years 1991 to 1993, have been productively used and that recent achievements in revitalizing the Institute and in improving its delivery capacities would not have been realized without these resources,

Noting with interest the increasingly successful attempts to generate independent incomes by various means and to develop operational projects for possible funding from diversified bilateral and other donor agencies,

Convinced that with the expansion in the fields of its activities to include subject areas related to development management in general, the Institute will in future years play an even more important role in the promotion of the sustained development of Africa,

Considering that the Institute is the only bilingual regional institution of its kind in Africa and that it has an outstanding record of providing training and research services to African countries in the area of economic development and planning,

Considering also that there are increasing demands being made by member States and their intergovernmental organizations for the services of the Institute, particularly for tailor-made training programmes,

Considering further that counterpart United Nations institutions in other regions have benefited from regular budget posts,

Conscious of the urgency of stabilizing the financing of the core posts in the Institute,

1. Calls upon the General Assembly, in considering the programme budget for the Economic Commission for Africa for the biennium 1994-1995, to take adequate steps to ensure sufficient staffing for the Commission at the Professional level to implement its mandates;

2. Appeals to all States to provide extrabudgetary resources for programme implementation, as requested in the Institute's component of the proposed programme budget for the 1994-1995 biennium of the Commission;

3. Requests all States to sustain their support to the Institute through payment of their contributions and through increased use of the various types of services it provides;

4. Urges the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa and the management of the Institute to continue their efforts to mobilize resources from extrabudgetary and other supplementary resources to enable the Institute to implement its expanded programmes.

43. The Economic Committee also recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decisions:

DRAFT DECISION I

Non-participation of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) in the work of the Economic Commission for Europe

The Economic and Social Council decides that the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) shall not participate in the work of the Economic Commission for Europe as long as the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) shall not participate in the work of the General Assembly.

DRAFT DECISION II

Amendments to the terms of reference of the Economic Commission for Europe

The Economic and Social Council, taking note of the recommendation contained in decision N (48) adopted by the Economic Commission for Europe at its forty-eighth session, decides:

(a) To approve the amendment of articles 3, 7, 9 and 10 of the terms of reference of the Economic Commission for Europe, as contained in Commission decision N (48);

(b) To modify the terms of reference of the Economic Commission for Europe accordingly.

DRAFT DECISION III

Venue of the fiftieth session of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

The Economic and Social Council decides that the fiftieth session of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific shall be held in New Delhi, India during the period February to April 1994.

DRAFT DECISION IV

Population and sustainable development: goals and strategies into the twenty-first century

The Economic and Social Council decides to bring to the attention of the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session resolution 49/4, adopted by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific at its forty-ninth session, the text of which is annexed to the present decision.

Annex

RESOLUTION 49/4 OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

Population and sustainable development: goals and strategies into the twenty-first century

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling its resolution 48/4 of 23 April 1992 on the Fourth Asian and Pacific Population Conference, 1992, in which it referred to its decision to convene the Conference as a ministerial meeting jointly with the United Nations Population Fund in order to review the changes in the population situation that had occurred during the 1980s and highlight the perspectives of population policies and programmes for the 1990s in the ESCAP region,

Recognizing that integration of population factors in the socio-economic development process is crucial and that the alleviation of poverty is fundamental to the achievement of sustainable development,

Mindful of the substantial progress achieved by members and associate members in responding to the Asia-Pacific Call for Action on Population and Development adopted by the Third Asian and Pacific Population Conference, held at Colombo in 1982, and the role played by the secretariat and donors, particularly the United Nations Population Fund, in its implementation,

Taking note of the importance of the International Conference on Population and Development to be held at Cairo in 1994,

1. Welcomes the adoption by the Fourth Asian and Pacific Population Conference, held in Bali, Indonesia from 19 to 27 August 1992, of the Bali Declaration on Population and Sustainable Development, and endorses the recommendations of that Declaration;

2. Urges all members and associate members to take early and effective action to implement the Bali Declaration through the provision of adequate financial and human resources;

3. Also urges all members, associate members and the Executive Secretary to make every effort to incorporate population, environment and development concerns in their inputs to the International Conference on Population and Development;

4. Calls upon donor countries and funding agencies, in particular the United Nations Population Fund, United Nations bodies and specialized agencies, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations, to provide substantive and financial support for the implementation of the Bali Declaration;

5. Requests the Executive Secretary, as head of the main centre within the United Nations system for the general economic and social development of the Asia and Pacific region, to:

(a) Assist members and associate members in the implementation of the Bali Declaration by initiating appropriate activities, and to review and appraise their progress;

(b) Cooperate with members and associate members on implementation of the Bali Declaration, and, in the light of the declining financial and human resources devoted to the Asia and Pacific regional population programme, to seek to mobilize resources for this purpose;

(c) Continue to play an advocacy role in the planning and implementation of population programmes in the ESCAP region, and even more vigorously in the light of the Bali Declaration;

(d) Disseminate information through regular publications and other appropriate means concerning the implementation of the Bali Declaration and the challenges faced by countries in the region in its implementation;

(e) Report to the Commission at periodic intervals on the progress made;

(f) Organize a meeting of senior planners and policy makers to incorporate concretely the recommendations of the Bali Declaration within the regional document for the global Conference at Cairo;

6. Invites the Executive Secretary, in transmitting the present resolution to the Economic and Social Council, to request that it be brought to the attention of the General Assembly.